

## KEABLE INQUIRY:

# SEEKS NEW MANDATE

by Daniel Boyer

Keable Commission prosecutors are appealing to the Supreme Court the decision to block their inquiry investigating illegal police activity in Quebec. Today's request, if accepted, would overturn a February 21 Court of Appeal ruling granted to the Solicitor General of Canada.

"If the Court of Appeal ruling should be maintained, it would infer that provinces have the absolute right to investigate crimes committed by federal agents but provinces certainly lack the power to do so," says the Keable Commission's draft to the Supreme Court.

The Court of Appeal ruled, last February, that the provincial mandate given to the Keable Commission could not force the federal government to justify its refusal to produce documents or to brand certain activities "state secrets" in the name of national security.

Furthermore, the Court of Appeal deemed that the Keable Commission had perhaps broken the Official Secrets Act by putting classified documents in the public domain. However, the Keable Commission notes that the Official Secrets Act has never been invoked regarding documents requested by them.

The commission's draft to the Supreme Court points out that nothing in the Official Secrets Act forbids the use of documents by a tribunal or an inquiry commission.

The commission claims that the injunction interrupting its work rests on its request of marginal documents when compared to the scope of their work. The litigious documents consist of 15 memos exchanged by the various police forces involved in the 1972 Agence de Presse Libre (APLQ) break-in.

Commission prosecutors point to the progress they made since their investigation of the 1972 APLQ break-in. They unearthed a dynamite theft, the burning of a barn, the seizure of PQ membership lists and the forging of an FLQ communiqué inciting Quebecers to violence, as well as other illegal RCMP action.

Beyond their Supreme Court appeal, Commission officials may request that the court hear their case on a priority basis.

### Notice

The Daily will not publish on Tuesdays henceforth due to financial problems. During the period between March 23 and April 19, the Daily will publish on a weekly basis as scheduled.

## In Québec:

# Student radio organizes

**SHERBROOKE (PEN-CUP)** — Student radio stations in Quebec have formed a province-wide service organization to institute co-operative buying and break down the isolation among the stations.

La Co-operative des radios étudiantes du Québec (CREQ) brings together 19 college stations, and hopes to bring into its membership 40 other student radio stations unable to attend the founding conference Jan. 21 because of bad

weather.

McGill's student radio station (CFRM) did not participate in the formation of the CREQ co-operative. McGill's French program "Fleur de Lys" has had difficulty ordering records. Programmer Carole Naud recently said that their shows' variety has suffered due to "somewhat slow to awful receiving of orders placed a long time ago."

"Radio McGill has been aggressive and creative in its outlook this year, and it may be

worthwhile for them to participate in co-operatives not only for financial reasons but needed interaction with other university and college stations," said one regular listener who was asked to comment on the co-operative.

CREQ, a non-profit, "apolitical" co-operative, also hopes to organize a Quebec-wide news and information network to exchange news and political, musical and cultural information.

Hughes Chantal of the station at CEGEP François-Xavier Garneau was chosen executive co-ordinator of the organization. The group has established a committee to investigate contracting to a record distribution firm, CREQ-Promotion, but delegates are wary of involvement with a private firm. "We don't want to get fucked," one delegate explained.

### Diff Fees Meeting

A group of McGill students are organizing a committee to oppose differential fees for foreign students. There will be a meeting on Wednesday in Union room 310 at 1 pm for all those interested in joining or

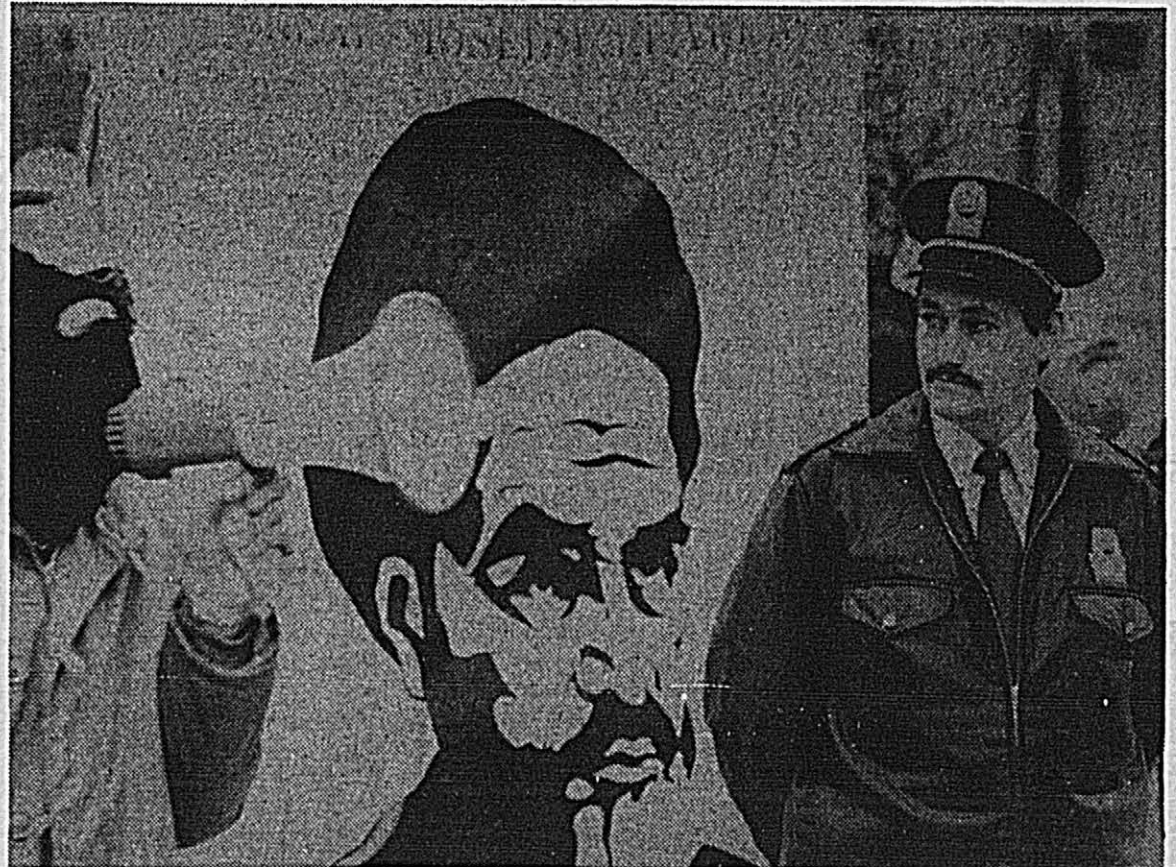
finding out more about it. If you are a foreign student, if you are concerned with the quality of education at McGill, or if you oppose discrimination in education, you should attend.

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Iranian students demonstrated Friday to protest recent slaughters in Tabriz, Iran. The group demanded the release of 300,000 political prisoners they believe to be held in their country.

## Iranian students:

# Demonstrate against Shah

by Stuart Carre

Protesting the recent killings in Tabriz, Iran, Iranian students held a demonstration Friday

afternoon at the corner of Guy and de Maisonneuve.

Sponsored by the Organization of Iranian Moslem Students, the Montreal demonstration was held in conjunction with a 7-day hunger strike in Washington DC, and protests in Lexington, Massachusetts and Ann Arbor, Michigan. Students from McGill, Concordia, Université du Québec à Montréal and Université de Montréal participated in the demonstration.

Protesters carried placards and shouted slogans proclaiming their support for the PLO, demanding the return of the Moslem leader Ayatollah Khomeini from his 15 year exile in Iraq, and denouncing the Shah of Iran and his regime as puppets of United States imperialism.

The representative for the group from McGill said that "We hope this demonstration will help to persuade Quebecers to show their opposition to the Shah's regime, and to pressure the Quebec government to review the activities of Quebec companies operating in Iran." However, he did not know the names of these companies, or

the amount and nature of their investments in Iran.

The group also demanded the release of 300,000 political prisoners they believe to be held in Iran. In September 1976 the National Intelligence and Security Organization of Iran (SAVAK) claimed that there were only 3,600 political prisoners in Iran. According to estimates of foreign correspondents in Iran in February 1977, there were 25,000 to 100,000.

The demonstrations held by Iranian Moslems in Tabriz (Iran's second largest city), on February 18 and 19 resulted in nine deaths, 200 people wounded, and 581 arrests, according to official sources. The city is now under martial law.

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# Two-tier demagoguery opposed by students

by Jennifer Robinson

Organized opposition to the government's recent decision to implement differential fees for foreign students in January, is mounting. During an open meeting at McGill last week, MNA Gérard Godin told close to 200 people that his government was firmly committed to the discriminatory fee structure, but it would set up a scholarships and bursaries programme for needy foreign students.

News of this bursary programme came as a surprise for the audience and especially for the Canadians in attendance. Quebec student associations have been howling for years for a more adequate bursary programme of their own. "Unbelievable", one student said, and added that the Minister of Education's ability to dodge student demands was even more unbelievable.

The PQ has promised free education in Quebec — but then so has every government since 1964. Every province that has implemented differential fees has also introduced tuition increases for Canadian students. It is very likely that the Quebec government will follow suit and forget their election promises of free education — just like every government since 1964.

In 1969, Quebec's central student union, UGEQ, disbanded partially because Claude Charron prompted students to rally to the cause of the Parti Québécois. It was only five years later that students formed another union. Since the PQ was elected, that union has been complaining about the government's attitude toward education as vehemently as they opposed liberal education policy before that.

CEGEP students across the province are protesting for better facilities, demanding a halt to police intervention in conflicts with administrations and demonstrating for higher quality education. And finally at McGill, that bastion of student conservatism, students are rallying to oppose discriminatory legislation forcing foreign students to pay three times more for an education in Quebec.

A small group of foreign students have organized a meeting on Wednesday for all those who want to openly oppose the government's action. Opposition is an exercise in futility however, if one is to believe Godin's firm stance. But perhaps opposition of a radical nature will force one more politician to explain why the government made the decision — as Godin was so aptly unable to do last week.

The main pro-differential fee argument, and the claim put forth by the PQ, is that Canadian students pay for edu-

cation through taxes, but foreign students do not. But according to a report published by the Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) foreign students are not an economic burden on Canadian taxpayers because they bring in money that would not otherwise find its way into the economy. Furthermore, Canadian universities need the government funds they receive as a result of their foreign student population to maintain the course options, professors and the quality that our educational system now enjoys. The CBIE report states "Faculty and staff must still be paid and the physical plant must be kept up, even if there are fewer students. These costs cannot be cut without a major restructuring of the Canadian educational system".

The PQ has argued that because differential fees were imposed last year in other provinces, there was an influx of foreign students into Quebec. It would be a valid argument if only it were true. In fact, McGill registered fewer foreign students this year than last.

Although there was a decline this year, foreign student enrolment in Canada has almost doubled in the last four years. The CBIE argues that this increase is only picking up the slack in Canadian enrolment. "With the numbers of Canadian students decreasing because of demographic changes, one could agree that foreign students are needed to fill empty places and to maintain employment at the post secondary level".

The reasons behind differential fees are a question mark and will remain as such, for no government could justify that act and remain popular.

## Community McGill

Community McGill has a wide range of volunteer opportunities and tries to tailor the work offered to the needs of the individual. Students of all faculties are encouraged to get involved. The main types of volunteer work available include tutoring, working with the elderly, work in hospitals or in youth centres. Community McGill has placed volunteers in all of these settings. It hopes to eventually expand and set up clinics in low-income neighbourhoods to provide various services.

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Governments must find ways to cut costs. Because the presence of foreign students in Canada means the maintenance of a costly education system, differential fees would help to defray the costs — but only minimally. Differential fees will discourage foreign student applicants to our universities, thus the provincial governments will be required to grant smaller subsidies. Fewer students will mean fewer professors and services, which will mean a further decrease in education costs. Already, McGill Arts and Sciences faculties are not filling vacancies, and although the Deans of these faculties hope they will not be forced to lay off employees, that measure might become a necessity in the near future.

## Red & White:

# Best since Nancy Grew

by Mike Gelster

Friday's Red and White Revue might be remembered as the night McGill came alive. In an ongoing pageantry of wit and song the once-famous revue regained its footing, marking what Professor William Pugsley termed, a "revival of campus togetherness."

"I feel wonderful," Pugsley, co-ordinator and creator of the revue, commented as the evening drew to a close. And well he might. For a variety show that was the first of its kind in five years, it was a tremendous success.

Over five hundred people managed to cram into Redpath Hall, while another hundred were turned away at the door. With people standing in the aisles and along the sides of the auditorium, the evening opened with an energetic rock cantata by the McGill Concert Choir under the direction of D. Christiani.

The evening was highlighted by the McGill Jazz Workshop Junior Band. Under the direction of P. Freeman, the band skillfully executed four pieces, including the theme from "Rocky".

The evening featured a series of skits, folk songs and, in one case, a unique revival of the forties. The revue reaped temporary stardom for virtually all of the performers. Amid the cat-calls and general mirth, a feeling of genuine warmth and enjoyment pervaded the hall. As one performer said "You guys make it all worthwhile."

As for the performers themselves, well, McGill really does have some very fine talent. On the folk-song scene, performances by T. Kovacs and G. Bentley were commendable.

For a guy who wasn't quite sure what he was doing on stage, however, guitar-strumming R. Dagenals was a raving success. Of all the

Certain Canadian university officials have claimed that differential fees and immigration policies restricting the activities and number of visa students "smell of racism". A McGill official claimed that in Alberta where there are large numbers of Chinese students, differential fees were imposed partially to restrict their numbers. He implied racist attitudes even after it was found that many of the 'Chinese' were Canadian Chinese.

Differential fees, coupled with restrictive immigration policies, will effectively limit the number of students from certain parts of the world. In any country, immigration policies openly discriminate against people from countries where the governments are

radically different. With the new Immigration regulations, governments are able to keep out activists or people from countries where there is a lot of radical activity.

As long as taxpayers believe that they are subsidizing foreign students' education, the implementation of differential fees is a popular political ploy.

Knowledge cannot be localized. If differential fees were being implemented to make space for those Canadians who are academically, financially or culturally barred from our universities, perhaps that type of discrimination against foreign students would be tolerable. This is not the case, however. Our universities are selective institutions only to become more and more so.

performers, he alone received a semi-standing ovation. The Gossage Brothers, a blues / jazz trio, proved themselves worthy of praise. Their innovative performance added life and colour to the evening.

Of the comic skits, Grossman and Saxon's rendition of 'Fyodor Dostoyevsky's "The Idiot"' stands out as being the most humorous. That may be a dubious proposition.

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Over 500 people managed to cram Redpath Hall to watch McGill's Red and White Revue while 100 were turned away at the door.



The unique Forties Revival entertained a capacity crowd on Friday night. The Red and White Variety Revue made a comeback at McGill after five years.



# Comment

## French beyond our means

Since last month, the Daily has not appeared on Tuesdays. Apart from sporadic French-language articles interspersed in the regular editions, there has been no French edition of the Daily this term.

The decision to shelve Tuesday's edition was based on financial considerations. Despite the supplementary budget which should enable the Daily to publish until mid-April, the editorial board resolved to publish only four times per week.

The French edition was a financial gamble. Having never published in French before, the Daily had no ties with the Francophone market for potential advertising revenue. Some established anglophone advertisers hesitated to advertise on Tuesdays. The consequently low number of ads on Tuesdays were not sufficient to support the French edition.

With the opening of the second term, we were obliged to reduce the publication of issues in order to save money. When left with no alternative, we stopped publishing on Tuesdays because of the uncertain financial position of the French edition. The decision was by no means a move against this section of the Daily. Could we afford it, the French edition's validity would never have been questioned.

The very nature of the distribution of francophone students at McGill made it difficult for the French edition to reach its potential audience. The majority of francophones at McGill study in the Management Faculty which has its own newspaper, activities and clubs. Francophone students in other professional faculties such as Law, Medicine and Engineering are in a similar position.

The vast readership of the Daily has traditionally been the Arts and Science students among whom francophones are not numerous except for those studying French Literature and French Canadian Studies. The French edition might have attempted to attract students from areas other than the Arts and Science Faculty assuming they have valuable information on the life and issues in these areas.

Financial considerations are an integral factor in the publication of a newspaper. Next year, the Daily will have informed itself about the special needs of the French edition especially with respect to advertising.

With the awareness of the heterogeneity of the Daily's readership, the French edition will endeavour to be more efficient in the recruitment of new staffers and in the coverage of the McGill community and Quebec.

Marie Poirier

## Letters

### Foreign students as scapegoats

#### To the Daily:

We would like to express our strong objection to the recent announcement of the implementation of differential fees for foreign students. The increase hits the foreign students hard when they are unable to obtain any part-time or summer job and have virtually no access to scholarships, bursaries, loans or student assistance programs.

We especially object to the fact that the fee increase is applied indiscriminately without consideration of the income level and the place of origin of the foreign students. The present fee increase will effectively cut the number of students from the Third World where the income levels are much lower. It will also widen the already large gap between the rich and the poor in opportunity for higher education.

Cultural exchange is often regarded as an integral part of modern university education. The presence of foreign students has enriched the academic and cultural life of the universities. It provides a chance for Canadian and other students to share their experiences and learn from each other. It is regrettable that the Canadian students are restricted to interact with only those from the "affluent" minority of a country, or those from the more developed nations. This aggravates the situation that foreign students are then increasingly accepted on the basis of their financial capacity and much less on the academic and personal qualities.

The implementation of the two-tier fees has been accompanied by an unjustified campaign on foreign students who are pinpointed as an economic burden on the taxpayers. They are used as scapegoats to direct the public attention to the economic and social problems in the province. What about the foreign currency (equivalent to Can. \$4,000) that each student brings in each year? Does it add to the economic burden or does it stimulate the economic growth?

There does not seem to be any display of strong reaction against this policy among foreign students. Is it their inertia that holds them back from any action? Or are they awaiting a more suitable opportunity before they voice their grievances?

President  
McGill Chinese Students' Society

#### Govamint as Robbin' Hood

##### To the Daily:

This whole business of the implementation of differential fees not only shows the discriminatory attitude of the Government against the foreign students, but most significantly, reflects the whole exploitative nature of the governmental system.

The Government claims that through the implementation of the two-tier fees, it can squeeze out seven million dollars which can be used to finance other social welfare schemes, for example, the old folks home, the handicapped etc. But if the Government has to resort to "robbing Paul to help Peter", this merely indicates its economic inability.

It has to retard the progress of certain sectors in order to improve the welfare of the others. Moreover, who are these old folks, these underprivi-

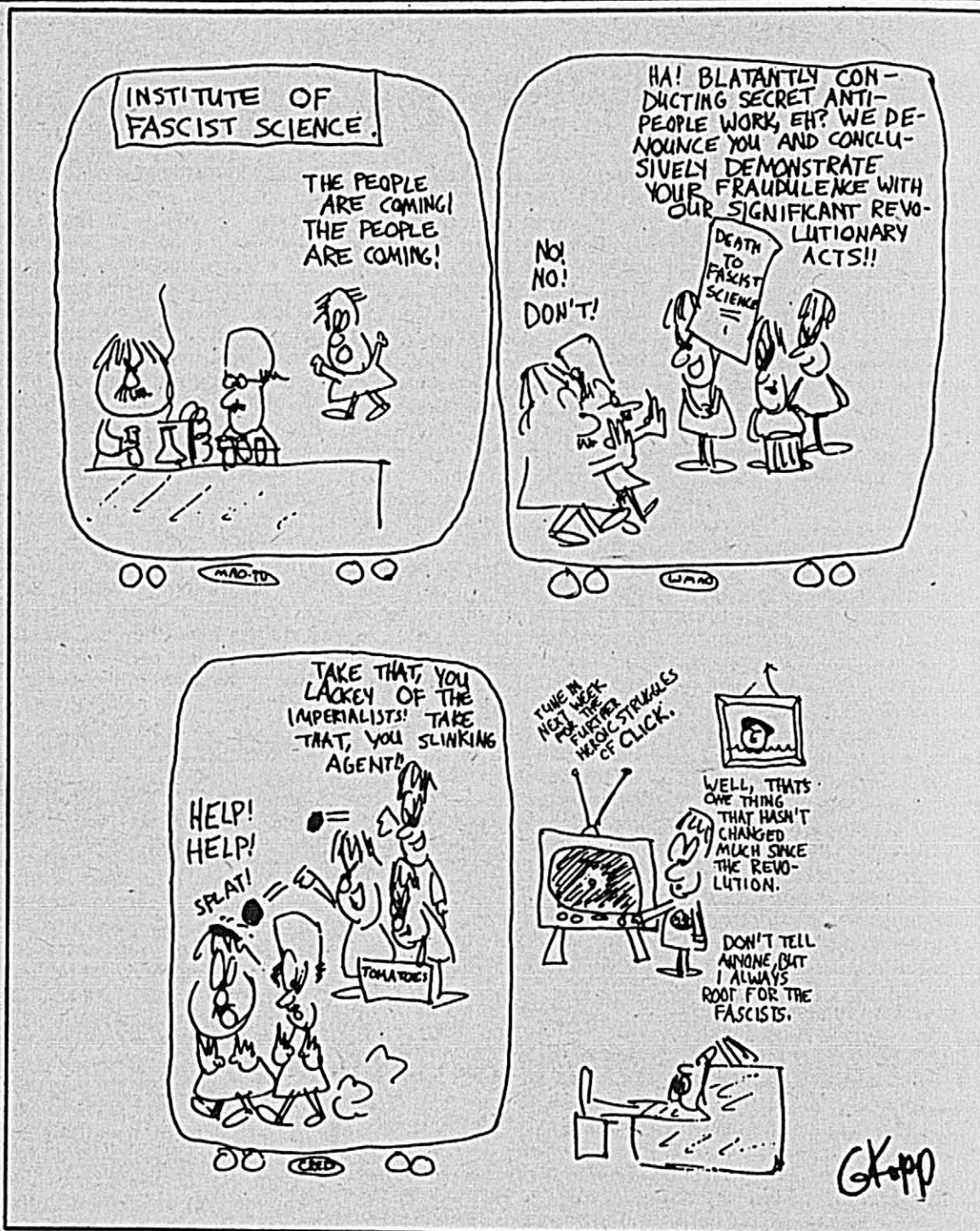
leged? They are the ones who had sweated their whole life for Steinberg, and Bell Canada who never assume any responsibility for their well-being once they retire.

The rich get away from it all! The helpless and innocent foreign students are held as scapegoats! Is this a so-called "social democratic Government"? We wonder? If they are so insensitive, unsympathetic and irrational towards the helpless foreigners, I don't see how they can also be sympathetic

towards the misery of the Quebecois!

W.P. Foo  
Mechanical Engineering

Ed note: There will be a meeting Wednesday at 1 pm in room 310 of the Union Building, 3480 McTavish, for all those interested in finding out more about differential fees. The meeting is organized by a group of foreign students who are intent on opposing the provincial government decision of implementing a two-tier fee structure next January.



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**U de M Dean:****Deems Mao's pedagogy OK**

by Daniel Boyer

The Continuing Education faculty at the Université de Montréal caters to the "same elite" from which universities traditionally draw their clientele. However, one of the university's missions is to serve "all layers of the population" according to Guy Bourgeault, Dean of Continuing Education at the U de M.

Deploing education cut-backs, Bourgeault explained that the government had to content with taxpayers who say "we are ready to pay, but we want to know what we're footing the bill for". He added that he hopes public opinion will increasingly demand "for whom and what are universities?"

Bourgeault dismissed demarcations in education levels as often "idiotic or naive" and in the ultimate analysis, lying behind the knowledge or ignorance of a "jargon with which academics shield themselves." He quoted a colleague as saying "university level" is what the university has deemed to be of university level." He went on to say he understood more and more why Mao had sent "everyone to the fields."

**Tax deduction:****McGill lowers ceilings**

by Andrew Porter

Students in various faculties will be unable to declare the month of May's \$50 federal tax deduction because of the Registrar's Office decision to shorten the stated enrollment period to eight months.

In a education deduction certificate sent out by the registry offices students are only permitted to deduct \$50 for 8 months rather than nine months even though students may have studies lasting well into the month of May of the school year. In past years students or the persons they were dependent upon have been able to deduct the \$50 for nine months regardless of the amount of time spent studying.

This year, however, the Registrar's Office decided to enforce a minimum requirement of 10 hours study per month for students to be eligible for the tax deduction. According to student legal aid advisors the enforcement of the 10 hour minimum came from directives issued in a federal government policy information bulletin and is not mentioned anywhere in the tax law. Due to this discrepancy between the law and the information bulletin which the university acted on, legal aid student advisors feel that the university should make new forms available to students or at least make a person available to handle individual cases where students are in fact studying into the month of May.

The Registrar's office ac-

The Faculty of Continuing Education has 7,000 regular students and 3,000 people attend courses part-time. Because the faculty contracts many professors, it injects 14,000 dollars of "profits" to other sectors of the university such as medicine.

Bourgeault explained that seeking out a new clientele among adults was an imperative in developing his faculty. He quipped that "the great perspective provided by con-

tinuing education" was a more "noble" way of accounting for the faculty's increased enrolment.

This week, the U of M is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the adult education service's founding. In 1974, when the continuing Education Faculty was set up the adult education service was deemed "a good field" to inject the "ideology" of continuing education to the university, he concluded.

**Tuition:****Goes up in US**

DENVER (CPS-CUP) — Undergraduate tuition fees will rise by as much as 11.1 percent this year in the United States, according to statistics released by the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges.

For state residents, tuition will rise 7.3 percent, to a median of \$694 from \$647. For non-residents, there will be a jump of 11.1 percent, to \$1,637 from \$1,474.

Tuition for students attend-

ing graduate and professional schools of state universities increased considerably more than undergraduate tuition. Double digit percentage increases were reported for both resident and non-resident students attending schools of medicine and veterinary medicine.

More than half the colleges and universities cited inflation for the increases, and more than a third cited the "need to maintain program quality".

different interpretation of the law pertaining to students' tax deductions, and stated that they would issue another form if they "got a definite interpretation through the university solicitor," said J.P. Schuller of the Registrar's Office.

Student legal aid advisors noted that students wishing to take advantage of the deduction would have to procure special T2202 tax forms in order to prove to the government that their studies lasted into May

**Rape...**

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rape. The thrust of both these theories is to blame the victim for the rape and justify the general guilt that women are made to feel. No critique of feminist studies of rape is provided.

In the last chapter Clark and Lewis make recommendations concerning rape. Their major recommendation is the deletion of rape from the "Sexual Offences" section of the Criminal Code and its reclassification as an assault. This goes against the present assumptions behind rape laws: since a woman's value is based on her sexual and reproductive capabilities, rape is the worst thing that can happen to her; rape is an offence against property; women do not have the right to sexual autonomy; and "rape is not an assaultive crime but a sexual act done with the wrong woman." The

and get them signed by a university official. Montreal's district taxation office confirmed the difference between the policy information bulletin and the law and that it might issue another interpretation.

If another interpretation is issued then students would not have to go through the "bureaucratic hassles" said one student aid advisor since the Registrars would be willing to send out new forms if this was the case.

Issue of consent, the character of the victim and the legal relationship between victim and offender would then be irrelevant.

The authors do not claim that the implementation of any (or all) their recommendations will eliminate rape. They also reject the view that rape is inevitable in human society, that it is a natural fact. They see rape as a social fact and the product of a certain kind of society. Rape is not a result of biological differences between women and men but results from the inequality between them and the roles both sexes are socialized to perform. "All unequal power relationships must, in the end, rely on the threat or reality of violence to maintain themselves." Thus Clark and Lewis come to the logical conclusion (and this is their main conclusion) that the elimination of rape requires the transformation of the present social structure, which is itself responsible for rape.

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# New book on rape sired by Torontonian

**RAPE: THE PRICE OF COERCIVE SEXUALITY** by Lorene M.G. Clark and Debra J. Lewis. The Women's Press, 222 pp., \$5.95 paper, \$12.95 cloth.

by Dan Schwartz  
Reprinted from the Varsity

A number of books on rape have appeared during the last several years, largely as a result of the attention given to rape by the women's movement. *Against Our Will* by Susan Brownmiller and *The Politics of Rape* by Diana Russell are probably the best known of these books. Now Lorene Clark and Debra Lewis have written the first Canadian published study of rape. *Rape: The Price of Coercive Sexuality* is projected as part of a large study of rape in Canada. Both authors are involved with the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre and they are employed by the Centre of Criminology at University of Toronto.

This book consists of two parts: the findings of a research project and a theoretical analysis from a feminist perspective. Although the finds generally support the theory they are two quite separate parts; it is only the binding that holds them together.

The research project, originally Lewis' M.A. thesis, looked at rapes reported to the Metropolitan Toronto Police Department in 1970. The project uses the Criminal Code definition of rape (which the authors quote as Section 143 although in 1970 it was still Section 135) but excludes cases in which the victim is under 14 years of age. Of a total 116 reported rapes, the police classified only 42 as founded, meaning they proceeded with an investigation of the case. The other 74 reports, classified as unfounded and therefore not investigated further by the police, include 62 cases in which Clarke and Lewis believe a rape occurred.

What emerges from their analysis of these 104 rapes is a bias in police classification of reported rapes. The prior behaviour of the victim (not the accused), her background and her character play a decisive role in how the case is classified. First of all the location of a rape is important. If the rape occurs in the offender's residence or if the victim had been hitch-hiking, the police would be more likely to classify the rape as unfounded. If the accused was drunk, used violence, made verbal threats, committed other crimes or if other sexual acts occurred, the police were more likely to classify the case as founded. If the victim had consumed alcohol prior to the offence an 'unfounded' classification was more likely to result.

The victim-offender relationship will also influence police classification. In only 20 per cent of the cases where the offender is well-known to the victim did the police classify her report as founded. The authors criticize (with good reason) other researchers because they do not distinguish between offenders the victim met in the situation out of which the rape developed and acquaintances of the victim, yet they themselves do not distinguish between the former and complete strangers. There are three distinct categories here and they need to be analysed separately in all research.

In terms of age there is an apparent bias against the very young rape victims (14-19 years) and victims 30-34 years old. As we go from single women, to married women, to separated women and divorced women and finally to women living common-law, the likelihood of the report being founded decreases. However, except for common-law the differences are not very significant. In general the lower the socio-economic status of the victim, the less likely are the police to classify the report as founded. The authors believe that age, marital status and class are important to police classification in terms of their interrelationship but curiously they do not tabulate the results. They do write that what emerges is "a clear bias against women who do not conform to a picture of respectability."

In the view of the police (and society) there are women who "quite literally cannot be raped, because 'rape' is a social and legal definition, and these are not the sort of women that society believes can be raped.... The concept that some women are 'fair game'... is one which is shared by police, the courts, and society at large." My own research confirms that this bias does exist in the courts. For example, I found that in Toronto the courts are more likely to convict in a rape case if the victim is single or in a case in which the victim did not know the offender, and this after the filtering that occurs at the police level.

The authors absolve the police of being at fault for the bias that exists in their classification of rape reports, since the police base their classification on whether there is a fair chance of conviction in the case. The problem, the authors argue, that the police must operate without "fundamentally challenging the myths and prejudices which undermine the victim and benefit the accused." The status quo is at fault. However, the authors ignore the fact that it is the role of the police to uphold and defend that status quo, a status quo which arguably makes rape

not an accidental but a deliberate instrument of oppression not only of the individual woman but of all women.

Within the judicial system it is the victim of rape who is treated as a criminal. "Rape is the only criminal offence in which the testimony of one witness, the victim, is considered inherently less trustworthy than that of others, notably the accused." And then there is that extraordinary rule of evidence in rape cases which permits defence questioning of the victim's respectability and sexual history. Clark and Lewis argue these points apply despite the 1976 revisions to the Criminal Code.

Arguing that the issue of a woman's consent is irrelevant to a rape case (given the use or threat of physical coercion), the authors compare this situation to making victims of theft prove that they did not consent to the taking of their money.

The chapter on the rapist is not worth reading. The authors proceed despite having data on only 32 arrested rapists and employ the statistical trick of the 'typical rapist', when what they really are talking about is, for example, the average height of arrested rapists.

In the second part of their book, Clark and Lewis provide the theoretical framework with which they explain the reality of rape. They argue that with the development of private property a system of inheritance of that property was required and thereby women were transformed into the property of their fathers or husbands. As property, a woman's value was based on her sexual and reproductive capacity. Clark and Lewis see the development of rape laws as a response to bride capture — rape laws were designed to prevent the transfer of property (e.g., a dowry) to the man who established his marriage by this method. Until then bride capture was an acceptable means of consummating a marriage, that is what changed in the Middle Ages. As a law to protect men's property (not women), rape laws originate not then but several thousands of years earlier.

What then emerges in their analysis is that even today the application the rape laws reflect their origins as laws to protect property. In this way the authors explain the legal and social concept that some women cannot be raped — their property value is minimal. Thus virgins are considered 'credible' rape victims since their potential value depends on the exclusive use of their sexuality and rape eliminates this value.

This concept is not only a legal one; both females and males are socialized to believe that women's sexual and reproductive functions are not their



Many rapes occur between people who know each other.

own property. The authors conclude that "since the status of women as private, sexual and reproductive property has created the problems of rape as we know it... the problem cannot be resolved until women are no longer accorded that status but are regarded as having the right to sexual and reproductive autonomy."

As long as men and women in our society are unequal sexual contact between them "will necessarily be coercive in nature." It is along these lines that men and women are socialized to behave. "Rape is one of the products of a sexist society; it is the price we must pay for a society based on coercive sexuality."

The authors add the strange notion that men of low socio-economic status are more likely to commit rape and, Clark and Lewis state, "Nor is it surprising that rapists from low socio-economic backgrounds should frequently choose middle-class women as their victims." No reference or evidence at all is produced for this latter statement. The authors motivate their belief arguing that "some women will be too expensive for some men." This first of all confuses ability to pay with desire to pay.

Secondly, when Lewis and Clark and other researchers

find that rapists are from lower socio-economic backgrounds this only applies to arrested or only convicted rapists. Clark and Lewis realize this and that there is a bias against these lower-class men in the judicial system. Adding to this the experience of the Toronto Rape Crisis Centre "that many unreported rapes involve men who are from higher socio-economic groups than the men who turn up on arrest warrants" and that "usually the women involved are not as well placed as the men," makes their previous statement seem ridiculous. It is not the rapist's socio-economic status that motivates him to rape a particular woman but the vulnerability of that woman to rape. Her socio-economic status is only important to the rapist (not the judicial system — confusing the two is understandable) insofar as it reflects her vulnerability. This reactionary notion that there is a higher potential for lower-class men to become rapists contradicts the rest of the authors' own theoretical framework.

Critical or past rape research and seeing it as "an elaborate justification for the status quo", Clark and Lewis provide a brief refutation of Mendelsohn (victimology) and Amir's concept of victim-precipitated

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# Today

## Radio McGill elections:

Will be held this Thursday, March 9 at 4:30. For those unable to attend, you can pick up your absentee ballots at the station from John Porter, today or tomorrow. It is of the utmost importance that you vote. So see to it that you do.

## Spanish Association presents Marta Corominas:

"Las Novelas de caballeria y tirante el Blanco" 4 o'clock, SBB 6th floor. Free admission. Déjeuner en français:

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Anyone interested in forming a skydiving club?? If so, call Paul, evenings, at 288-6507, until Monday night.

## Women's Liberation and Socialist Revolution:

Susan Muckenfuss of the Ligue Ouvrière Révolutionnaire will speak on this topic in room 302 (Student Union) at 8 pm. This is an open meeting sponsored by the McGill Young Socialists.

## Women's Union Business Meeting:

Tonight at 6:30 pm in room 425 of the Student Union bldg. The Women's Union will hold a general business meeting. All are welcome and those active in current group projects are strongly urged to attend.

Modern Dance Club meeting: Today at 4 in the Dance Studio (3rd floor, Currie Gym) to discuss final plans for our

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## Dignity:

The regular bi-weekly meeting of Dignity, an organization for gay Catholic men and women will be held this evening at 5:30 at 3484 Peel St.

## Film and Discussion:

"McGill-The Way It Is" Film followed by discussion at Douglas Hall 3851 University, 7:30 pm. First of a 3-part series on you and the University: Perspectives on Our Futures. Sponsored by the Student Christian Movement. Yellow Door.

Faculty of Music free concerts: Recital Room C209 4 pm: Angus Armstrong trombone, assisted by Trombone Quartet, Trumpet Duo, piano, horn, tuba. Works by Ropartz, Rayner Brown, Walter Hartley, Leonard Bernstein, Thom Rittler George. Recital Room C209 7 & 9 pm: Jazz Improvisation classes have been CANCELLED.

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## Gay Women of McGill:

Important meeting Tues. 7:30 to discuss the future of the group. New women who are interested are welcome.

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The evening also featured a very fine sword dance with Scottish music. Miss E. Richardson, the dancer, and Mr. K. MacKenzie playing bagpipes, must be commended for their skill.

Miss J. Nightingale gave a beautiful performance on vocals and piano. Her strong voice and vibrant rhythm rendered her music exquisite and powerful. The evening was indeed a success. It would appear that McGill has shed its apathetic veneer, revealing a University with the potential for enjoying itself.

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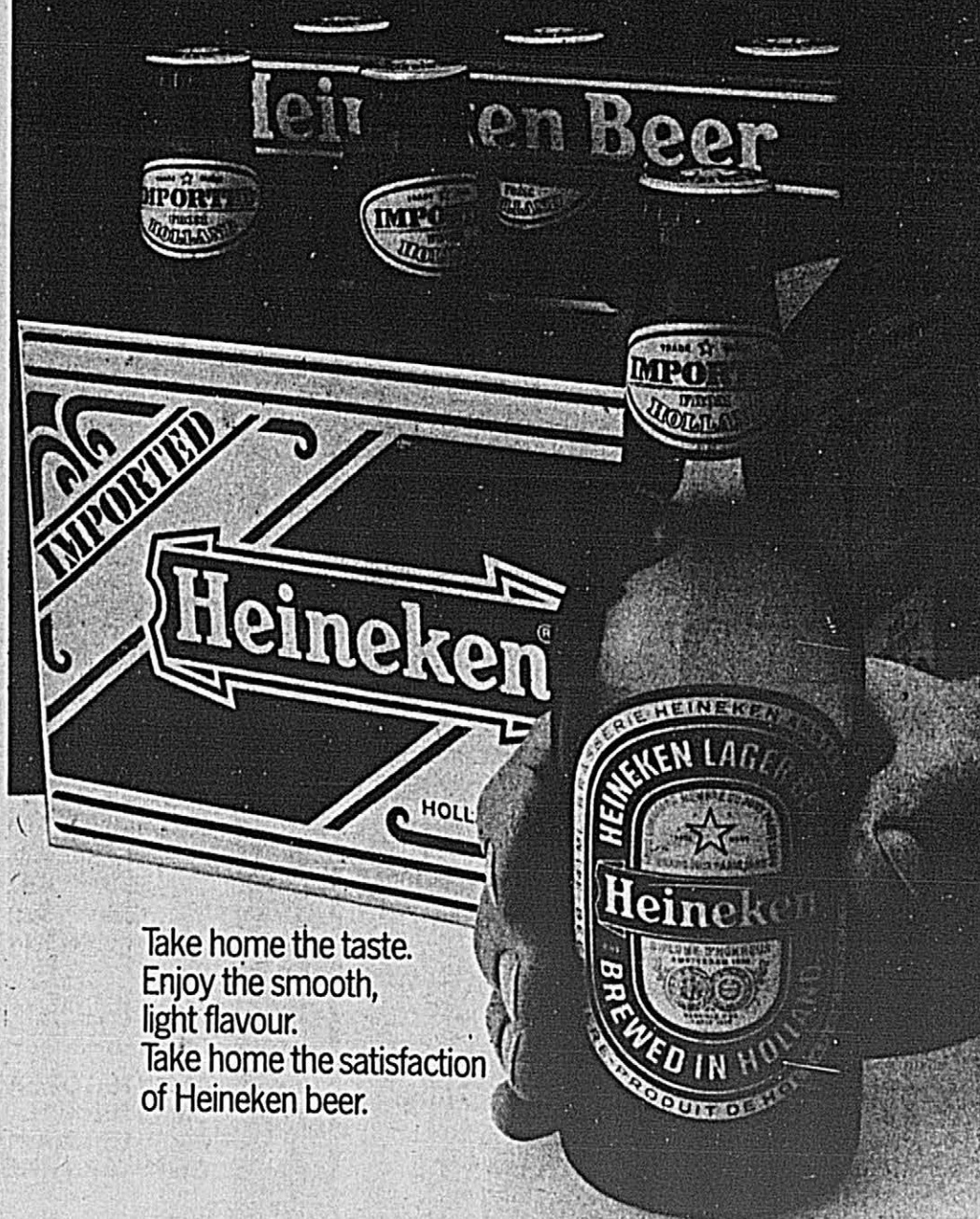
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